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veto message was read in the house in which the bill originated. A good many of the leading Republican journals of the North have committed themselves to the policy of sustaining the veto; and a large number of gallant soldiers have in different ways expressed to Mr. Cleveland their gratification that he has proved himself so capable of wielding the weapon with which the fathers of the republic armed the President of the United States as the defender of the Constitution.

How will the Virginia Senators vote? We know not. Possibly they may vote the one on the one side and the other on the other.

Whatever may be the fate of the veto message in the two houses of Congress, its merits have been lodged in the public mind, and its result will be to strengthen Mr. Cleveland vastly as an aspirant—if he is an aspirant—to a second term. He has proved himself to be a President worthy of the very best days of the republic.

The Virginia Western. We have faith in the future of the Virginia Western, as we have several times said heretofore. We are glad to find that our exchanges published near the conjectured route manifest much interest in the new scheme. The *Pearl River Virginian* says:

"The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 12th says 'the Virginia Western railroad we are inclined to regard as the most promising scheme now before the public,' and goes on to say if the route is properly selected it may do more for Richmond than the great Newport, News and Mississippi Valley railroad has done for her. This is saying a great deal."

It is not saying more than the merits of the new scheme justify us in saying. We made that particular remark in order to attract attention to the subject, and not because we had a word to say against the magnificent road which has done so much to promote the prosperity of this city. We are anxious that the people of Virginia, and especially those of Richmond, shall awake to the importance of the Virginia Western road.

The *New Castle Record* (Craig City) quotes from us as follows. The *Dispatch* had said:

"The Virginia Western railroad we are inclined to regard as the most promising scheme now before the public. The important point in this case is the route which may be selected. If properly located the Virginia Western railroad may do more for Richmond than the great Newport-News and Mississippi Valley railroad has done for her. This may seem to be an extravagant statement, but for our present magnificent road has had a great deal to do with the rapid growth of Richmond in population and wealth; and yet the Virginia Western may do a still greater service to Richmond. It will run in the right direction to draw trade to the city, and it will penetrate to a region that would rather trade with this city than with any other in the Union. The intelligent and far-seeing gentlemen who have this proposed new line under consideration and will have it under control will of course make every effort to bring it to a successful issue, and this one thing is the proper western terminus. There are different routes which are practicable and desirable. The one which leads through the largest and wealthiest contributing territory to the best western terminus is the one that should be selected."

The *Record* comments as follows: "If the *Dispatch* has in its mind's eye the natural and undeveloped wealth of the territory which this road should penetrate, rather than limited artificial wealth, and this combined with easy grades and such facilities as will cheapen the construction of a road, and if it further has in its mind's eye the city of Memphis as a southwestern terminus for the road, it need not be difficult to determine what route the road should take. Any discussion of this point just now, however, would be premature."

We have in our mind's eye the region which, as JOHN TENDALL might say, is the "power and potency" of unlimited wealth and population. We look rather to what is in *posse* than to what is *in esse*. But when we look again and see how the northwestern States have built up cities and towns, and increased in wealth, in our own day, we cannot but expect "quick returns" from the grand region which the Virginia Western will penetrate.

"Rubbing the Sore." Messrs. JOHN A. HAMILTON & CO., of Baltimore, having received a letter from Richmond containing the following remark: "Your remarks cannot benefit the cause you are friendly to, but will be used by the press to add fuel to the flame. Without speaking definitely, we predict that the *Dispatch* and other papers of the State will make a great deal of capital out of your circular, and will quote its language as proof of the condemnation of the course of the bondholders' counsel by the bondholders' American agents."

Reply as follows: "The Richmond newspapers are welcome to do as they please. They can make and satisfy their capital they can obtain anything that we may write. To our friends who write us on the subject we beg to say, we fear 'you rub the sore, when you should heal the plaster.'"

Yes; if ever a sore was roughly rubbed, it was done when Mr. ROYAL said the members of a Virginia grand jury for performing a duty whose performance was required of them by a law of this Commonwealth.

The valuation of Riddles at 95 would be wholly fictitious were it not for the late transactions by the Board of Sinking-Fund Commissioners.—*Index-Appal.*

On the contrary, the Board of Sinking-Fund Commissioners have not purchased a Riddle during the last five months. "Practical," who knows whereof he affirms, stated in a communication in our issue of Sunday that during the last five months a Riddle was purchased, yet during the same period the Riddles went up at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

The Providence *Journal* says "the facts thus far brought out in the congressional investigation of the alleged political outrages in Texas are sufficient at all events to justify the inquiry." By the same token the facts brought out in connection with the election in 1884 in the Second Rhode Island congressional district would justify "an inquiry." What says the *Journal* to an investigation of the Rhode Island outrage?

L. H. B. shall have a hearing to-morrow, if possible. His article will "keep."

The *Czar* of Russia is said to have ordered a picture of the St. Paul lighthouse in the State upon the day that

BRIEF COMMENT.

The name of JULIUS CAESAR BURNS is pronounced here in Congress.

"Trouble from unexpected quarters cannot be avoided by the wisest men." Oh, yes it can if the wisest men are wise enough to carry counterfeit detectors.

A contemporary speaks of the Viceroy Li in China. We do not title him in this country, but an *En-Pearkins* one would stand a chance of being called Emperor in China.

ROBINSTEIN has consented to assume the dictatorship of the St. Petersburg Conservatory of Music. Next we shall hear that some Nihilist has put dynamite in BRYN's piano.

"An article in a Washington paper headed 'A Joint Affair' was supposed at the first glance to refer to that popular topic the President's rheumatism," but doubtless turned out to be a description of an English dinner.

A COMPROMISE. A Suit for Damages Against a Railroad.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., February 21.—In March, 1883, John S. Reynolds, a fireman on the Franklin Narrow-Gauge railroad branch of the Virginia Midland, was thrown from a locomotive and his leg broken. He has since been unable to work, and has received a verdict for \$15,000. An appeal was taken, but the railroad company has decided to compromise for \$12,000, paying all costs.

Judge Blackwell, in granting John Gwynn a new trial, made the charge that the jury had misdirected on the speech of counsel and not on the evidence. He referred especially to the statement by counsel that Gwynn was the champion of social equality in North Danville. The jury will publish a card to-morrow declaring that they had misdirected on the speech of counsel, and not on the evidence. The matter is much discussed here, and has caused something of a sensation.

The heirs of the late James C. Moore have brought suit to recover ninety-two acres of land in this city. The estate is worth a large sum of money, and the suit will be an interesting one. The property has passed through the hands of several different parties, and the suit is based on a flaw in the title.

There will be no formal observance of Washington's birthday here to-morrow. Lew Tatum, the minister, who was recently tried for the murder of the charge of grand larceny, has gone to Grand Rapids.

The mother of C. T. Brown, a prominent citizen of Danville, died in Charlottesville to-day.

CHARLOTTESVILLE. Death—Very Ill—Religious Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) FEBRUARY 21, 1887. Mr. James M. Moore, an old citizen of Charlottesville, died on Sunday of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Mr. A. D. Payne, a prominent citizen, is quite ill from acute dyspepsia. The most remarkable revival of religion ever experienced in this town commenced on Sunday the 13th, and still continues. It is under the ministrations of Rev. H. W. Brown, of Chicago. The Baptist church, the Methodist, Presbyterians, and Disciples also attend the services. The meeting on Friday night was especially remarkable. From 75 to 100 conversions were made. Many students of the University have been converted, and a deep religious interest being felt at this institution. *QUI.*

ENTOMBED FOR CENTURIES. Five Unmuffled Bodies Found in a Cavern Eight Feet Below the Surface.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) A St. Paul telegram says: Parties from the Bad Lands, in Dakota, arrived in St. Paul yesterday with five mummies, which were found by a prospector in a cavern in the side of the mountain. William Allen, while sinking a shaft near Buffalo Gap, and when he had reached a depth of about 80 feet, he discovered a small opening, and he gave way beneath him, and his tools dropped out of sight. Hastily ascending, by means of a rope from the windlass, he procured a longer rope, and again descended, going down about eighty feet, and landing in a cavern twenty feet square.

He was horrified to see luddled in one corner the bodies of five persons—a man, a woman, and three children. They were shrouded in less than half the usual size of human beings, and dried up flesh giving the appearance of mummies. The hair was still on their heads and the finger-nails were perfect, but very long. On the side of the cave were some strange hieroglyphics and marks as though the inmates had tried to dig themselves out, and, falling in this, left the story of their fate.

The theory of Mr. Allen is that the family took refuge in the cave hundreds of years ago, and that a landslide from the mountain sealed the mouth, leaving the imprisoned persons to die a horrible death by starvation. It was near this place that the bones of a lower race of man were discovered and sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

Eruption of the Volcano Mauna Loa. A San Francisco special of Sunday says: Advice from Honolulu to-day gives details of an eruption of the volcano Mauna Loa. The eruption began on January 16th, when a column of fire shot up from the south crater. Nothing more took place for two days. Then suddenly the whole district around the volcano was kept in tremulous motion by an almost constant succession of fire earthquakes. One cool-headed observer kept a record, which showed 383 shocks in thirty-six hours. Nothing was seen of lava until January 18th, as it found an underground passage. On that day, however, it broke into view, and three great rivers of molten lava took their course to the sea. One stream reached the ocean in two days and the others were reported as not far behind in their course. They wiped out plantations, houses, etc., but so far as learned, caused no loss of life, as the natives and foreigners received timely warning and abandoned their places. The path of the lava is through a thickly settled region, and the damage is great. The loss from the earthquake is also heavy, as many walls and buildings were shaken down. On the night of January 19th the terror of the inhabitants was great. An investigation of the lava flow followed the shocks. The natives and Portuguese gathered about the little church at Panalua, praying for deliverance. A second eruption broke out on February 7th, and the lava had begun to flow when the steamer sailed.

It is something of a—Himself. An Elk Horn (Ill.) telegram says: A farmer who lives at St. Louis, Washington county, Ill., ten miles west of here, owns an old unused smokehouse which he entered the other day for the first time in six months, and to his great astonishment in one corner lay fifteen black cats. An investigation of the fact showed the fact that rats had carried it there from the house of a neighbor, who had lost a like amount of the same cereal.

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INCENDIARY FIRE.

ATTEMPT TO BURN A LARGE STORE IN PORTSMOUTH.

Stock Damaged—Norfolk News—Stole a Sloop—Fired Dead—Political and Railroad Notes.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Feb. 21, 1887.

An incendiary attempt was made early yesterday morning to destroy the large store and tinware establishment of Messrs. Powell & Alexander, on Market Square, Portsmouth. Some one broke open the glass door, and a door in the rear and fired a lot of straw used for packing goods. The building was saved by the fire department, but the stock was considerably damaged by water. All the property was fully insured.

This morning a white man named Leroy Williams was tried before Mayor Fair, in Portsmouth, and sent on to court for trial for stealing the oyster boat Julian Pace from the dock in Portsmouth. Williams was going down the harbor with the sloop before yesterday morning, when a detachment of men went in pursuit and captured him off the Naval Hospital.

A negro man named George Brown was found dead in the street by the police in the